



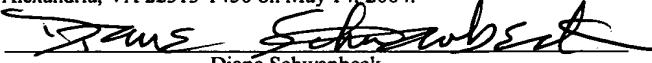
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Robert A. SHEPHERD, JR. et al.) Attorney Docket No. NOVEP015
Application No. 10/006,100) Group Art Unit: 1763
Filed: December 3, 2001) Examiner: Rudy Zervignon
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) Date: May 14, 2004
PLASMA OPTIMIZATION IN)
WAFER PROCESSING)

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed February 17, 2004, finally rejecting Claims 1-23.

The items checked below are appropriate:

Appeal Fee: \$165.00 (Small Entity) \$330.00 (Large Entity)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply:

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Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-

(d)) for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Months</u>	<u>Large Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one	\$110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three	\$950.00	\$475.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for ___ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Total Fee Due

Notice of Appeal Fee \$330.00
Extension Fee \$

Total Fee Due **\$330.00**

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Respectfully submitted,

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